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INFORMATION REPORT

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Sila Rubber Factory, Pazardzhik

- The Sila Rubber Factory is located in the western outskirts of Pazardzhik (N 42-11, E 24-19), on the road to Sofia. It occupies the buildings of a former rice-milling establishment which was converted into a rubber factory in 1948 or 1949. It consists of 10 or 12 one-story buildings of various dimensions which are scattered around the factory area. There is no enclosing fence.
- Approximately 350 workers are employed in two shifts per day, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Production consists of the following:
 - Automobile tires (production started in the spring of 1953 and not yet on the market);
 - Bicycle tires;
 - Rubber boots and galoshes; and
 - Inner tubes of various types and diameters.
- All the products manufactured by this factory are destined for domestic markets. [redacted] the total production of all rubber articles of these types in Bulgaria is sufficient to meet only a part of the national needs.
- Electric energy is supplied by the Vŭcha hydroelectric plant on the Vŭcha River at Krichim. [redacted]
- The factory has two or three trucks and various animal-drawn carts for the transport of raw materials and finished products. There are no railroad connections.
- The factory guard is composed of Industrial Militia personnel.

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Ibonit Rubber Articles Factory, Pazardzhik

7. The former Ibonit Rubber Articles Factory (present name not known) is located about one kilometer northwest of Pazardzhik, on the right side of the road to Sofia. It consists of four identical 1-story buildings, 30 by 10 meters in size, with roofs partly of tile and partly of glass.
8. Approximately 60 workers are employed in two shifts per day. The following articles are produced:
 - a. Canvas shoes with rubber soles;
 - b. Overshoes;
 - c. Rubber bands; and
 - d. Other rubber articles.

Vela Peeva Textile Factory, Pazardzhik

9. The Vela Peeva Textile Factory is located south of Pazardzhik, beyond Liberty Island of the Maritsa River. It consists of about 15 one-story buildings with dimensions varying from 10 meters by 20 meters to about 10 meters by 50 meters. The factory has no enclosing fence.
10. About 200 workers are employed in three 8-hour shifts per day. The factory produces linen draperies and hemp sacks.
11. Electric power is supplied by the hydroelectric plant located on the Vŭcha River at Krichim.

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